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NOW, JOHNS HOPKINS SUES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

After Harvard and MIT, Johns Hopkins University has moved against the plan to remove foreign online students from US

CASE FILED IN DIST COURT, WASHINGTON DC

Johns Hopkins University filed a lawsuit in US District Court in Washington, DC on Friday against the the Trump administration's order to abruptly rescind accommodations for online learning for 5,000 international students at the university and thousands more across the country. Hopkins sought a temporary restraining order against the US decision

'DECISION IS GRATUITOUS, CRUEL'

- "The (Trump) administration's decision is gratuitous, cruel, and inimical to what this country is about," Johns Hopkins University President Ronald J Daniels said
- Hundreds of thousands of Indian students in the US will be affected by the decision of the Trump administration

1.94 lakh
INDIAN STUDENTS HAVE ENROLLED IN THE US AS OF JANUARY THIS YEAR

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23K in home quarantine gave wrong addresses

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

At a time when Bengaluru and many other parts of the state are witnessing a sharp spike in Covid-19 cases, the citizens' quarantine squad, which is keeping tabs on those in home quarantine, has found that over 23,000 individuals have furnished wrong information about their place of residence.

After the government laid down protocols for inter-state returnees, which included mandatory 14-day home quarantine, the citizens' quarantine squad was tasked with ensuring that the norms are not violated. However, the team is dealing with a huge problem as many have not given their correct residential address.

According to statistics available with the squad, about 69,297 people are in active home quarantine as on Sunday in Bengaluru Urban district. Of them, only 46,113 people have given their proper address details while 23,184 individuals have not, leading to difficulties in tracking them. As on Sunday, 13,036 volunteers have enrolled for the citizens' quarantine squad. Volunteers first have to register on www.quarantinesquad.in and join a group on the Telegram app related to their respective wards. Details regarding the number of people in home quarantine, along with their addresses and contact numbers will be available on the Quarantine Watch app of the State Government. The volunteers go door to door and conduct checks on people in home quarantine on the 2nd, 5th, 10th and 14th day.

Subir Sehgal, a citizen coordinator in Bengaluru, recalled a recent incident wherein he had to check on a home-quarantined individual at an apartment complex in Yelahanka. But the residents of the apartment denied having travelled anywhere and insisted that they are not home-quarantined.

"The security guard at the apartment pointed to a flat where a party was on. I went there along with Civil Defence personnel and told the residents that they can't host parties with so many people when they are supposed to be under home quarantine. They were shocked when they heard this and said they hadn't travelled anywhere for the past six months. Later, I realised that the wrong address was given." P6

The Ballari Road near Kodigehalli in Bengaluru, usually a nightmare for motorists and pedestrians with bumper-to-bumper traffic, resembles a freeway during the Sunday lockdown | SHANKARA

Dists with case spike may be locked down

Decision today after CM holds meeting with DCs

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

THE one-week lockdown announced for Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts, starting Tuesday, could be extended to other districts which are witnessing a spike in the number of Covid-19 cases, the government has hinted. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will hold a meeting with District Deputy Commissioners from across the state on Monday where the possibility of having such a lockdown will be discussed.

Given the spurt in the number of cases, the State Government is mulling severity-specific measures in districts, ranging from complete lockdown to targeted restrictions. Revenue Minister R Ashok on Sunday afternoon told the media that district-specific decisions will be taken after Monday's review meeting. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is under voluntary home quarantine, will join the video conference from his official residence 'Krishna'. No other officials or ministers will accompany the CM physically and they will join from their respective offices or residences.

"The Chief Minister will chair two meetings with Deputy Commissioners. A meeting with DCs of some 12 districts with a large number of Covid-19 cases will be held in the morning and another with the DCs of the remaining district will be held in the afternoon. We will take a well-informed decision based on the meeting. The CM will decide if there is a need for a lockdown or partial closure or specific containment measures, depending on the situation in each district," Ashok said.

The guidelines for the lockdown announced in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts for a period of one week starting Tuesday evening will also be issued on Monday.

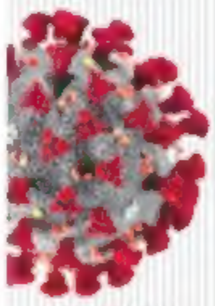
"Many people would want to travel for emergencies or other reasons. Last time, the lockdown was sudden and they had to stay wherever they were, but this time we have announced it in advance. Till Tuesday, people are free to travel to wherever they like. But starting 8 pm on Tuesday, citizens will have to cooperate with us. If someone wants to travel, they should do it now," Ashok stressed. P4

CM's Sunday with a book

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is in home quarantine, caught up with some reading on Sunday. DETAILS: P3

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

- **2,627** Test positive on Sunday
- **38,843** Positive cases so far
- **71** Deaths on Sunday
- **684** Fatalities so far
- **15,409** Recoveries till date



REPORTS: P4

Sachin revolts, says Raj govt in minority

RAJESH ASNANI AND RICHA SHARMA @ Jaipur/New Delhi

RAJASTHAN may well be going the Madhya Pradesh way with state Congress chief and Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot revolting against party veteran and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. In a message to the media, Pilot said he won't attend the Congress Legislative Party meeting on Monday and that Gehlot's has become a minority government. Pilot also claimed 30 MLAs support him.

Late-night reports suggested that he may meet BJP chief JP Nadda at 10:30 am on Monday, but it could not be independently verified.

According to sources, the trigger for the revolt is a police notice to Pilot in a case related to poaching of party MLAs to topple the state government.

Differences between the two leaders were brewing for some time but they reached a tipping point on Sunday with Pilot, along with a group of MLAs supporting him, rushing to Delhi to meet Congress chief Sonia Gandhi. He reportedly could not meet her.

Sources said Avinash Pandey, AICC general-secretary in-charge of Rajasthan, told Sonia there was no danger to the government.

Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi spoke to Pilot over phone and sent senior leaders Ajay Makan, Randeep Singh Surjewala and Avinash Pandey to Jaipur to meet Gehlot.

"There is no reason for the BJP to be happy. All Congress party is together...," Surjewala told reporters after reaching Jaipur on Sunday night. The three leaders then went straight to the CM's residence.

The political turmoil in Rajasthan, coming barely three months after the debacle of the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh following Jyotiraditya Scindia's dramatic switch-over to the BJP due to similar differences with senior party leaders Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh, has left senior leaders worried. "Worried for our party. Will we wake up only after the horses have bolted from our stables," Congress leader Kapil Sibal tweeted.

Party sources said the problem started during the Rajya Sabha elections last month when Gehlot claimed there were attempts to topple his government. P7

LAC STAND-OFF

Finger-4, Depsang issue to be taken up at crucial meet

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

EVEN as the first phase of troop disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has been smooth, Chinese troops are yet to pull out from the Depsang bulge. This is likely to be taken up in the meeting between Corps Commanders of India and China this week.

"Lt Gen Harinder Singh and Maj Gen Lin Liu will meet this week to discuss and decide on the standoff at Y-junction, Depsang Bulge," a source said.

In Depsang, the Chinese have moved their troops and equipment up to the Y-Junction.

"The Chinese sitting at this point is affecting our patrolling at 5 points as the Y-Junction is out of the way to Patrols and it is here that the routes fork into two routes, which have Patrolling Point (PP) 10, PP-11, PP-11A, PP-12 and PP-13 between them," said a senior Army officer who had served in the area, which is 30 km south-east from the important Daulat Beg Oldi advanced landing ground, the world's highest landing ground.

The two Corps Commanders have already met thrice to resolve the standoff. The Chinese have not been clear on Finger-4, too. "The troops from both sides have disengaged from the exact location of Finger-4 but the Chinese troops continue to hold the ridge around," said another senior Army officer.

AISHWARYA

TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Abhishek Bachchan's daughter Aaradhya too infected, but Jaya tests negative | P7

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FIGURES THAT MATTER

- **5,34,620** Total recoveries from Covid-19 in India so far
- **2,92,258** Active cases at present
- **2,42,362** More recovered cases than active cases
- **19,235** People recovered in the last 24 hours
- **62.93%** National recovery rate
- **2,80,151** Samples tested during the last 24 hours
- **1,15,87,153** Total count of samples tested in India
- **8,396.4** Number of testing per million population

IDEAS ON TRACK

CCTVs, natural water coolers on trains soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Railway Board has decided to implement 20 ideas given by its employees to ensure safer train journeys and enhance passenger comfort.

Some of the suggestions include a warning bell for travellers at stations before the train departs, real-time CCTV monitoring and printing of unreserved tickets through mobile phones.

The national transporter, in 2018, had launched a dedicated portal to record innovative ideas of its employees across all zones and implement them across the railway network. According to officials, the portal received over 2,000 entries from September 2018 and December 2019.

The railways, through its July 10 order, has decided to implement 20 such ideas. Some of the technical suggestions that are to be implemented include a vehicular system for ultrasonic flaw detection developed by the North Central Railway, using pyrometers to monitor temperature of tracks developed by the Malda division.

Among the suggestions to improve passenger comfort are natural water coolers that need no electricity and have a life of 10 years. These coolers have already been installed at Borivali, Dahanu Road, Nandurbar, Udhana and Bandra railway stations.

Real-time CCTV footage monitoring is also one of the suggestions. Currently, Humsafar trains have CCTVs installed in them but the footage is not monitored in real time.

Northern Central Railway has devised a method to monitor it real-time with a display unit being provided in the guard's compartment.